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SUBJECT: KURATORIUM UNTEILBARES DEUTSCHLAND (KUD) PLANS
FOR BERLIN--PAUL LOEBE ACADEMY

1. IN MARCH 20 BONN GROUP MEETING ALLIED REPS TOLD FRG REP THEY HAD NOTICED BRIEF PRESS REPORTS THAT KUD WAS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHMENT OF SOME KIND OF STUDY OR RESEARCH ORGAN IN BERLIN. FRG REP, NOTING THAT KUD WAS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, SAID HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION BUT WOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES AND REPORT BACK.

2. AT APRIL 3 BONN GROUP MEETING FRG REP (KASTRUP) INFORMED OTHERS THAT KUD BERLIN SECTION, "LANDESKURATORIUM BERLIN," INTENDED TO FOUND AS PURELY PRIVATE BERLIN INSTITUTION AN ACADEMY FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION, THE "PAUL LOEBE ACADEMY" (PLA). KASTRUP SAID NEITHER KUD NOR ITS BERLIN SECTION HAS MADE ANY REQUEST TO FRG FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR FUNDING SUPPORT. HE SAID THAT
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SINCE PLA WOULD BE PRIVATE INSTITUTION OPERATED BY

PRIVATE GROUP AS A PURELY BERLIN OPERATION, THERE WAS NO QUESTION HERE OF "FEDERAL PRESENCE."

3. UK REP NOTED THAT FROM 1972 TO PRESENT KUD HAS RECEIVED ALMOST DM 4 MILLION IN FEDERAL SUPPORT (FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS AND NOT AS GENERAL BUDGET SUPPORT) AND REQUESTED THAT FRG REP INFORM ALLIES SOONEST IF KUD OR ITS BERLIN SECTION SHOULD REQUEST FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR PLA. US REP EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF FRG KEEPING ALLIES FULLY INFORMED WITH PARTICULAR VIEW TO ALLIED AUTHORITIES BEING ABLE TO REBUT ON THE SPOT ANY POSSIBLE SOVIET COMMUNICATION ON PLA.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN KNOWN SOVIET ATTITUDE ON KUD, IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING IF SOVIETS WERE TO REACT TO FUTURE PUBLICITY ON PLA BY APPROACHING ALLIES. GIVEN SITUATION AS OUTLINED ABOVE, IT SEEMS TO US THAT ANY SOVIET COMPLAINTS WOULD BE WITHOUT FOUNDATION AND EASILY REBUTTABLE. FRG REP HAS BEEN ASKED TO KEEP ON TOP OF KUD PLAN, PARTICULARLY REGARDING FUNDING ASPECT, AND WE WILL KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON SITUATION.
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